THE SHIPPING AGENTS (LICENSING BILL, 1987

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE THANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the introduction of a system of licensing to regulate the business of shipping agents and for matters connectict therewith.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1987

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: I introduce the Bill

THE EQUAL REMUNERATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1987

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI P. A SANGMA: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE GOA, DAMAN AND DIU REORGANISATION BILL, 1987

THE CONSTITUTION (FIFTY SEVENTH AMENDMENT) BILL, 1987

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): Sir, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to provide for the reoganisation of the Union territory of Goa, Daman and Diu and for matters connected thereto, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Sir, this is a great day for the beautiful people of Goa and also a great day for all of us as the long cherished desire of the people of Goa is being fulfilled today by the House.

The hon. Members are aware that with the approval of this august House recently, we had granted Statehood to two Union Territories, namely, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. The people of Goa have also been asking for Statehood for quite some time and this matter has been under consideration of the Government of India. Recently, the Goa Assembly reiterated this demand through a unanimous resolution in August, 1986.

There are three distinct and geographically separate units on the West Coast of India, comprising the present Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu and they had been under the occupation of Portuguese till 19th December, 1961. The desire of the people for liberation from foreign rule and for joining their brethren in the rest of the Indian sub-continent, received a great impetus after India's independence in 1947.